Section 9 of the Personal Rights reads as follows, as you perhaps recall:

"The right of the writ of habeas corpus and the provisions of this constitution shall not be suspended."

Now, aren't these two in conflict?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No, sir, I don't think so.

We specifically disclaim any intention that this

Section 319 could in any way override any of the personal rights guaranteed in the constitution, particularly the right of the writ of habeas corpus.

In other words, we tried to limit ourselves to two areas -- that is to say, one is the filling of governmental offices, and the other is continuity of operation of government.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bennett.

DELEGATE BENNETT: I am just wondering whether the Committee on Style, with its enormous tasks, might try to reconcile these and perhaps suggest an amendment that during a period of emergency this provision of yours might apply.

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